

Appln. No.: 10/055,120
Amdt. dated September 22, 2005
Reply to Office action of April 22, 2005

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action of April 22, 2005, claims 43-46, 48, 49 and 51-57 were objected to for various informalities. Said claims are amended herewith to overcome these objections.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 45, 46 and 57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 45 and 46 are cancelled herewith. Claim 57 is amended herewith to overcome the antecedent basis issue.

Also on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brede (US 5,726,607) in view of Kyles (US 6,028,462) and Onoda (US 5,317,602). Claim 44 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejection of claim 43, claim 43 is amended herewith to include the limitations of claim 44, to expedite allowance.

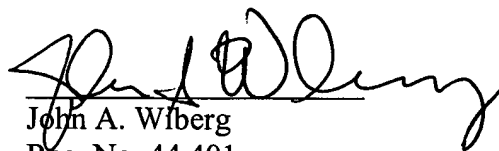
Claims 48, 49, and 51-57 were indicated to be allowable if amended to overcome the objections and 112 rejection referred to above. Since said claims are so amended herewith, Applicant submits they are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests allowance of claims 44, 48, 49 and 51-57.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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